



CHATSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Pacific Highway
CHATSWOOD 2067

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2013 COMMENCING 7.30PM MINUTES

Attendees:

Tim Dodds - Principal
Su Hill - Deputy Principal
Terry Mckinnon - Deputy Principal
Lyndall Franks (Ellis 2T, Eamonn KK)
Andrew Wilson (nil)
David Wynker (nil)
Jogee Varughese (Jolynn 3H)
Samantha Tucker (Rohan Y5)
Andrea Austin (Lucas 1E, Amy KG)
Andrew Wyles (Angus 2K, Sam KF)
John Burgess (Kate 6K, Charlotte 3G)

Nigel Justins (Eliza 6M, Morgan 3P)
Christine Chang (Jacinta 6A, Justin 5H)
Nahid Ghezellou (Tara 3G)
Trevor Mazlin (Tara 3G)
Natasha Kovalenko (Eugene 2LP)
Greg Austin (Jasmine 2T)
Jacqui Floyd (Emma 5H, Josh 3P)
Mark Tyman (Sophie Y3, Harrison Y1)
Perry Zhang (Aaron Y3)
Brett Backhouse (Ed 1E, Lizzie 5/6V)
George Dragoi (Kenny 4R)

1. **President's Welcome:** John Burgess welcomed everyone and noted that this would be a quick meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Constance Ho, Sally Sternecker, Julie Hill, Michael Waterhouse.
3. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**
Minutes of the previous meeting held 26 February 2013 were accepted. Moved John Burgess, seconded by Brett Backhouse.
4. **Principal's report:** Tim Dodds welcomed new people.

New school website: Tim introduced the school's new website 'Inspire, Engage, Nurture'. Sub-committees need to look at their sections of the website and email Terry with any changes. The website is not live yet but parents will be able to sign up for notifications for their children's year groups to receive information about school excursions etc. New site is easy to use and manageable.

New Stage 3 Assistant Principal: Saral Samaya has been acting in the role. Grant Gailbraith, a former P5 Principal, has won the role.

Master plan for CPS: TD will report on the new plan for the school and make further announcements when details have been decided.

New model for swimming lessons: Changes made to the swimming program as the lessons are not of value to strong swimmers. Swimming days disruptive and not much learning occurring on those days. Swimming will start in Term 4 for Years 2, 4 and 6.

Cross Country: First day back for students in Term 2 – Wednesday 1 May for the Cross Country. K-2 will be at Chatswood Oval. Years 3-6 at Artarmon Oval.

Terry McKinnon: Terry reported that the school is looking at the idea of open classrooms – a

shared space for students with shared resources and shared teachers. Benefits include children being exposed to a range of skills from shared teachers. A trial currently in Stage 2. Stage 3 trial in 2014. To be successful you need to find 2 teachers who will work well together. Spaces could be created in the Admin building by removing current 'fake' walls. There is an open invitation to parents to visit Mr Parks and Mrs Groves class (3G and 3P) who are currently trialling this kind of learning.

Textbooks: There will be no textbooks this year. Textbooks can be very limiting in terms of the range of students in each year level. Teachers use other resources and strategies to aid differentiation.

Teachers Aides: This year each stage group has a dedicated teacher's aide to assist the teacher with small group work etc. There are also 4 ESL teachers. Each Assistant Principal has discretion as to how to use these resources.

Su Hill: Has visited 3P and 3G and reports that there is dynamic learning occurring. Students can collaborate and help each other and see different role models and styles of teaching. Parents can approach TM or SH to arrange a class visit.

Chatzfest Promo: A short promo for Chatzfest was played which this year will be showing at Hoyts at the Mandarin Centre. Suggestion was made to show on the big screen at the Concourse.

5. Correspondence: None

6. P&C Treasurer's Report: Not a lot to report up to the end of February. The back to school BBQ made a profit of \$1929 – up \$500 from last year.

7. Sub-Committee Reports:

Instrument Committee Financials: No report.

Uniform Shop Report: Report attached.

CC ran through the report. Running low on volunteers as some parents are leaving the school. At peak times need 5-7 volunteers (beginning of season, orientation etc). Long sleeve school polo shirts are being requested to be worn in summer for sun protection. Discussion of position on straps for school hats. TD suggested to do research on safety issues and table for next meeting. Check with other schools.

Uniform Shop Financials: No report.

Canteen Committee: No Report.

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Grounds Committee: No report.

Class Parents Report: No Report.

8. Outstanding Items:

Term deposit JB reported that the P&C is looking to consolidate some of its funds (of \$250 000) into a term deposit. Accounting is to be done in a more professional and business like manner. Looking into a 4-6 month term deposit with the Commonwealth Bank.

Uniform shop storage Use of space under the Kindergarten building for new storage or new shop. Need to develop a proposal for the P&C. The whole cottage could be used for music if the

uniform shop was moved.

Hall The growth of the school means that the hall is not quite big enough for all major functions. Each term there are 4 honour assemblies held in the hall. TD and JB currently looking at a proposal to extend the back of the hall and put a small COLA in place to make more use of this space. TD and JB have looked at other schools such as Lindfield PS, but there are discrepancies in costings. Possibility to apply for dual funding with the DEC for 2014 school year (50/50). The hall is the biggest infrastructure issue in the school. There was discussion re thinking longer term and issues particular to CPS growth. A suggestion was made to have Steph Croft address the P&C re planning.

9. Presidents Report:

JB reported that 3-4 kids break an arm or teeth while at school each year. The cost to insure each student at the school against such injuries would be \$4.40 per student per year.

Motion: That the P&C renews its Student Injury Insurance Policy with the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW for the year ending 31 January 2014 at a cost of \$3,850.00. Proposed by John Burgess. Seconded by Brett Backhouse. Motion passed.

OOSH TD reported that the After School Care licence has run out and is due to go to public tender. After School Care will remain in the hall and Before School Care will be in the Cottage. There will be no vacation care offered. The meeting agreed on the above and that JB/TD would write a letter for tender.

Sport It was suggested that professional coaching be organised for the netball and football teams and for all PSSA teams. There is a \$5000 budget. A cost of \$2000 for netball will be partly funded by the old netball club.

Art room \$5000 budget allocated for the Art room as the Art program needs P&C assistance to purchase an interactive whiteboard.

10. Other Business:

David Winter, a resident in the apartments opposite the Centennial Road entrance addressed the meeting with residents' concerns over noise and pleas for noise reduction where possible. Requested that solutions be found for the new swing-shut gate, idling buses and leaf blowing in the early morning as well as bells being switched off in the school holidays. TD responded with assurance that the school would look at options where possible.

Lyndall Franks went through the proposed P&C Facebook page. Meeting agreed to go ahead with publishing the site.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Next meeting Tuesday 28 May 2013 at 7.30pm